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SUBJECT: GAZA CEASEFIRE'S CALM BROKEN BY SHOOTING,
ROCKET/MORTAR FIRE; KEREM SHALOM, KARNI'S BACK-TO-BACK
CROSSINGS STILL CLOSED

¶1. (SBU) Levels of violence in/around the Gaza Strip remain low on the fifth day of the ceasefire, but there has been one IDF shooting of a Palestinian, three Qassam launches and one mortar fired as of 1630 local on June 24. On June 23, Palestinian contacts report the IDF shot and seriously injured a 67-year-old Palestinian man on agricultural land in northern Gaza. Security contacts and local press report militants fired one mortar near Karni crossing at 0005 on June 4, and that three Qassams landed in Israel between 1500-1600 (two hit Sderot, lightly injuring one Israeli, and one landed in an empty area). Palestinian fisherman report the Israeli Navy fired warning shots toward them for approaching a unilaterally-set GOI Fishing Limit Line.

¶2. (SBU) Early June 24, a bomb exploded outside the home of an al-Nasser Brigades (PRC militant wing) member in Gaza City. An ensuing shootout between clans and with Hamas security forces resulted in five Palestinians injured. Hamas spokesman said they are investigating the incidents and have made several arrests. Fatah militants in Gaza City reported that Hamas police attacked them on June 23 during a sit-in protest against maltreatment of prisoners at the Red Cross headquarters, and that six Fatah members were arrested.

¶3. (SBU) Gaza contacts said Sufa crossing was open on June 24 and an estimated 75 truckloads of commercial and humanitarian goods has entered Gaza as of 1600 hours local. Contacts noted that several shipments of plywood were allowed to pass into Gaza on June 23 for the first time in several months. Karni/al-Mintar commercial crossing,s back-to-back transfer area was closed on June 24, but roughly 90 truckloads of grain and animal feed were shipped into Gaza by conveyer belt there. Kerem Shalom crossing was closed on June 24, as was the Rafah Border Crossing. Erez crossing was open to limited passenger traffic pre-arranged with the GOI. (Note: A very small quantity of approved equipment has been allowed out of Erez crossing in the past week. Bank of Palestine General Manager Hashim al-Shawwa told EconOff on June 23 that his company successfully shipped its credit card manufacturing machine out of Gaza via Erez crossing last week. End note).

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